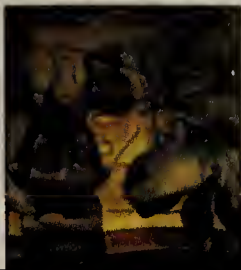




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SGA's textbook website up and running

BY ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
Chief Copy Editor

About a month has passed since the Student Government Association provided the ISBN numbers for courses on their website. Since then, many students have taken advantage of this opportunity to buy books at better rate. Yet some students see this new opportunity as an option no more efficient than purchasing at a bookstore. These students choose not to order online due to many factors.

Since the release of the ISBN numbers, textbook stores have a new competitor; online websites. Yet business is no different compared to before for Suburban Textbooks, despite the release of the ISBN numbers from several PUC departments this past semester.

Jeralyn Bieniek, one of the owners, said business hasn't been affected so much and is steady as ever. Yet there is an increase in the number of students looking for correct books with incorrect ISBN numbers. Bieniek said many students walk in with the wrong numbers for the ISBN, continuously insisting it is the correct number when in fact it's not.

"It's a pain in the butt when they say 'this ISBN they [the departments] gave me.' This was the number they had, and they aren't the correct ones."

Bieniek added the reason for many incorrect ISBN numbers distributed may be due to various contributors, such as change in instructors for the course. In some incidences, some numbers of the ISBN may be typed incorrectly, for instance, leaving out a number or entering an additional one.

President of SGA Robin Dunn said once receiving a change in ISBN numbers for courses are immediately changed through the SGA site. As stated in the SGA website, students are to check with their departments if there was a change in instructors. The site also informs the list of numbers is "subject to change."

As for SGA, they continue to see this as a great opportunity for students to take advantage of. According to Dunn, they would like to advertise more, especially a month in advance before a semester would start. Advertising would depend on book orders though.

Whether or not the purchasing of textbooks online is more efficient or less costly compared to bookstores is decided upon the consumers; the students.

Students open coffee shop

BY MELISSA BATKA
Editor in Chief

At the beginning of a new semester, the average college junior is probably trying to adjust to their new schedule and getting up early for class. But John and Paul Vezmar are adjusting to being new business owners.

After two months of market research and some deliberation, the Vezmar brothers, both juniors at PUC, opened The Blue Room Café in downtown Highland on January 2.

Paul, who is studying finance, describes their coffee shop as a place where people in the community can come to enjoy art, music, film and of course coffee. He refers to it as a "listening room."

By day, customers can enjoy a variety of beverages and pastries. But in the evening, the location transforms into a venue offering free open mic on Thursdays, local band performances on Fridays, a variety of movies including short, independent and foreign films on an 8-foot screen on Saturdays and a featured artist of the month on their east wall gallery.

As Paul excused himself to help a customer, John continued to share their vision. He explained that when they talked to other area coffee shop owners, most put an emphasis on making a profit and encouraged the brothers to, "get the customer in and get them out." But they are striving to create an atmosphere where people want to stay and hang out.

"We usually stay open until 11 p.m. But if

"The beauty of being independent is that you have a lot more flexibility."

John Vezmar, junior, sociology

everyone is having a good time, we don't mind staying open a little later," said John, a sociology major. "That is what makes us different from Starbucks.

"The beauty of being independent is that you have a lot more flexibility."

Once they found the location it took a lot of renovation to get their store front ready to open. Everything from the drywall to the flooring was installed by the two. It was important to them that they were as hands on as possible. They put a lot of consideration in choosing the colors, a relaxing green and blue, as well as the type of coffee they brew and pastries they serve.



Chronicle photo by Melissa Batka

PUC student Paul Vezmar serves Aaron Sloan, of Crown Point, at the recently opened Blue Room Cafe in Highland. Vezmar started the business with his brother John, also a PUC student.

Supporting the community was also a huge priority. Nearly everything they purchased has come from a local business. The paint and mural on the wall were supplied by Uncle Freddy's Gallery, located just down the street from their store. The pastries come from Oh My God Pastries in Calumet City. The piano, which has been a huge hit on open mic night, came from a local second hand store and was refurbished by a friend.

"We love The Region," John said. "It is a bunch of small communities that come together to form a large community and that is unique to our area.

"By supporting those communities we are helping to bring them closer together."

Although both men have experience in the restaurant industry and have worked at coffee shops before, neither has any experience opening a new business. But both had wanted to open a coffee shop with more of an artistic feel for quit some time. With a little help from their friends and family, they are finally making their dream come true.

John said business has been great so far. The first open mic night had a turn out of 60 people, which he described as "overwhelming."

"The next day I ran out to buy more chairs," he said.

Looking towards the future, the two hope to see their business grow into a second location.

"There are not a lot of places for college students to hang out, so I think we will do well," Paul said. "We have a lot of great things to offer like music and free internet."

Acknowledging the risks of opening a business, John quickly dismissed them.

"We are in no way doing this to get rich," John said. "If we close down a year from now I would still think that it was worth it.

"We are young. We will have plenty of time to recover."

The Blue Room Cafe

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cups of joe

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

from University Police... ...Take It with You and Secure Your Belongings

Take it with You

Theft of backpacks and textbooks is surprisingly common, due to the resale value of books. This time of year, textbooks have their highest value for thieves but are most needed by students. Leave identifying marks in your books to aid in their recovery if they are stolen.

Never leave your property unattended in the library, the cafeteria, classrooms, labs, lounges or restrooms. Take your possessions with you or have a friend watch them.

Never agree to sell back books for someone you don't know. You may be unwittingly assisting a criminal and involving yourself as an accessory.

Are you a student worker?... ...Secure your belongings on the job

If you follow only one rule, make it, "Always lock up." When you go to work or school don't leave your crime prevention sense at home. Most crime that can happen at home or in your neighborhood can happen at school or in the workplace. Don't wait to be victimized by theft before you introduce the following measures of prevention.

Make a habit of locking valuables in a desk or file drawer as soon as you arrive at the office if you choose not to carry your purse or wallet with you throughout the day.

Keep your office door locked. It is important to lock up even if you're leaving for only a moment. Remember that the crime of theft is a crime of opportunity and usually involves unattended property.

Often times, theft can involve your identity—driver's license, social security number, credit cards—so keep track of such items and personal information. Identity theft can take months or even years to clear up.

Be alert to someone you don't know lingering around offices or work areas, and notify University Police immediately with descriptions. **Phone: 989-2222, emergency 989-2911.**

What's Goin' On?

A look around

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Student Life and Activities is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Thursday, January 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Faculty member Lynn Zimmerman will facilitate a discussion on the book "Totto Chan: The Little Girl at the Window" by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi. Interested students may register at Student Life and Activities located in the Student Union and Library Building room 324E or call 989-2369 for more information. Books will be provided.

Homecoming King and Queen Applications

Student Life & Activities is accepting applications for PUC's Homecoming 2006 King & Queen candidates. Applications and guidelines are available at www.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/life/ or at the Student Life and Activities office, Student Union Library, 234E. Deadline for applications is January 25, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

PUC Super Bowl party

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Super Bowl on Sunday February 5 with student life and intramurals in the Calumet Falls TV lounge. There will be free food available. Kickoff time is 5 p.m. and the doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Purdue Vocal Company

The Purdue Vocal Company will begin its second semester on Tuesday, January 24 in SUL 355 at 3:30 p.m. Rehearsals will run until 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining should fill out an information sheet in Patricia Hales office in Porter 114-A.

Alumni Association accepting applications for student delegates

Interested in meeting successful alumni, helping to promote the alumni association to PUC students, and representing the alumni association at alumni events? Then go to www.calumet.purdue.edu/alumni/delegates for a 2006-07 application. A GPA of 2.5/4.0 or higher is required. Applications must be submitted by Thursday, February 9 to the Office of Alumni Relations, LAWS 322. Finalists will be called on for an interview.

Operation night cafe

Student Life and Activities will be giving away free coffee and hot chocolate, while supplies last, in CLO Tuesday, January 24 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Information on student organizations and upcoming events will be available.

Homecoming

Saturday, February 11 the Lady Peregrines game against the University of St. Francis begins at 4:30 p.m. The men's game against the University of St. Francis will follow at 7 p.m. The homecoming dance will immediately follow at 9 p.m. at the Center.

Admission is free and student ID is required. Please contact Student Life & Activities at 989-2369 or Student Union Library, 324E for more information.

The Blue Room Cafe looking for artists

The Blue Room Cafe in Highland is looking for artists, photographers and cinematographers to showcase their talents. Contact John or Paul at (219) 838-5538 for more information.

Submitting Briefs

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The spotlight's on...

The Society for Human Resource Management

BY CASSIDY MAZZONI
Staff Writer

This week's spotlight is on the organization called the Society for Human Resource Management. The president of the group is David Bustamante.

Bustamante said he joined to gain more knowledge in the professional field of human resources.

"It is a great way to meet new people and learn new trends in HR," Bustamante said.

The other officers of SHRM include Annmarie Reynolds (Vice President), Michele Farris (Treasurer), Greg Madouros (Secretary), Patty Drapac (Task Director), Jenna Okonoski (Task Director), and Dr. Lucas (Advisor).

The meetings for this organization are held in Room 311 in the Anderson Building every other Tuesday. Part of the meeting's activities include a guest speaker from the Human Resource field. Interviewing, recruiting, and upcoming events are all a part of SHRM's agenda. One specific upcoming

event sometimes includes the group's plans for an Interview and Resume Workshop to be held during a semester. They participate

Interested in SHRM?

E-mail president David
Bustamante at

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in conferences and are involved in community service as well.

Off campus, the organization actively participates in various volunteer programs. Bustamante states the group partakes in "collecting donations for the Haven House, various holiday functions, like the Christmas Adopt-A-Family, and Easter Treats for Tots for the Carmelite Home for Girls."

The Christmas Adopt-A-Family is SHRM's biggest event. Through the Northwest Family Services, the organization helps a family out during the holiday season



photo courtesy of SHRM

The Society for Human Resource Management is a student organization active in the campus as well as the community. SHRM is open to students of all majors, but looks for HR, management and psychology majors and minors in particular.

every year.

This year was a busy season for the group. They also wrapped and delivered gifts to the Carmelite Home for Girls. For the officers in particular, the National SHRM Conference is yet another big event in the summer.

"Our club is open to all students at PUC, but specifically to all human resources

majors and minors, management majors and psychology majors," Bustamante said.

Students interested in finding out more about SHRM and all of their activities, one can come to any of their meetings and fill out an application. Due to SHRM involvement in merit and volunteer book activities, there is a membership fee of \$10.

CTIS Connection

Administrative Services at Purdue University Calumet

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Find out what computer resources are available to me?

Access the TechAid website, at <http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/techaid>, and you will find a listing of the technical resources available to students. Each service listed also has links to information on how to access the service and what to do if you need assistance.

Know what is happening on campus?

The university is now using your student email account to communicate directly to you. It is important that you check your mailbox frequently and delete all unnecessary messages. Each student has a limit of 10 MB, once this is exceeded you will no longer receive messages in your email account and will miss out on important information being sent to you.

Access my files on my network drive at home?

Every student, faculty, and staff member is provided space on the network to store personal files. This space is referred to as your H-drive. Any files stored on the H-drive can be accessed online at <http://hdrive.calumet.purdue.edu> using your username and password.

Get help with computer resources on campus?

If you need assistance using technology on campus, including WebCT Vista, NetMail, and PC Star, go to the URL below. Here you can find the answer in our knowledgebase or ask your question online by clicking on "Request Service from CTIS." All responses will be sent to your student e-mail account. If you are having a problem with NetMail, please leave alternate contact information. If you still need help, stop by the Computing Services & Support Center in Gyte 133. Answers to many commonly asked questions are also available in the "Student Computing Resource Guide." Pick one up today in the Main Computer Lab or in Gyte 133.

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Sexism still present in modern society

The feminist movement of the '60s made great strides to defeat sexism. However, sexism is still wildly evident in today's society and culture, even right here at PUC.

Take one step into the bathrooms in the SUL building and it's easy to see that stereotypes still prevail.

The men's bathrooms are blue and white (and not very clean). The women's bathrooms are pink (and far more cleanly).

But the sexism goes much deeper than that. Faculty, or professors and administrators, are 54.4 percent male while staff, or janitors and secretaries, are only 36.8 percent male.

With this, the university is saying that most women are qualified to clean up after you but aren't quite qualified to teach you.

However, sexism works both ways; men can be stereotyped and discriminated against, too. Some male Chronicle staff members have experienced this in class.

One particular story involves a professor known for her feminist ideals. Male students often report feeling as though the female students in her course receive special treatment. Some have said that she has even allowed female students to turn in assignments late and be excused from absences when male students asking for the same treatment have been refused.

But in today's society, sexism is no longer out in the open. It's hidden beneath falsehoods and/or goes unspoken.

We've all heard the stereotypes about "woman drivers" or "men think only of themselves." Some of us probably even subscribe to them.

Although sexism may not be as prevalent as it was in the past, it is most certainly not a dead issue. It is important that we remember the battles that were fought to attain the progress that has been made. It might not be easy. We are often raised to have sexist tendencies. But that is all the more reason to make a conscience effort to break away from them.

Pink is not just for girls, and women do not just belong in the kitchen cleaning up after a man's mess.

Blue is not just for boys, and men should receive equal and fair treatment in the classroom.

Not all women are bad drivers, and there are men out there who are not insensitive or inconsiderate.

By fighting sexism in our everyday lives and within our campus community, we can do our part to start a modern movement that does not tolerate ignorance.

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PUC offers real college experience



BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

In the two and a half years I have been a student at PUC, I have heard countless people say that they are "stuck" attending PUC for whatever reason. Some cannot afford to go away to school, others got bad grades in Lafayette or Bloomington and others are simply bound by circumstance. My senior year of high school I was dead set on going to Indianapolis or St. Louis for college. When that dream died I decided to come to PUC and see if my formerly-"C"-student self could handle the demands of college before transferring.

Much to my surprise I truly liked it here. I decided not to transfer and I have rarely regretted my decision.

I like the atmosphere here. I like the students and I have liked a high percentage of my instructors. I even like the weird bird statue by the Student Union and Library building. With the addition of the sub sandwich station in the cafeteria, the food is bearable. Maybe it is because I took the time and effort to become involved, but generally I am happy to be a student here.

That is not to say the university is without fault. I am a creative person and feel that PUC would be so much stronger if we had a strong art, theatre or music program. I also don't like the fact that students talk over the professor. I didn't pay to hear ignorant comments; I paid to

learn something. If that makes me a nerd then so be it. Nerds are usually successful people.

This university is not perfect by any means. There are things that drive me crazy and things I would change. I do not feel that I am "stuck" here. Maybe it is because I never got my chance to go away to school but to me, PUC is a "real college." I take every chance I get here to get a real education, have fun and make new friends.

Just because I don't have to drive three hours to school or live in a tiny dorm doesn't mean my college experience is lessened. In my years at PUC I have met new people, traveled, learned a lot and done things I never thought I would be able to do. Isn't that what a real college experience is all about?

Letter to the editor:

An alternative vision for The Region

Recently, Gary Mayor Scott King spoke to the Gary Chamber of Commerce and promoted the vision of Gary and the Calumet Region as a center of lakeshore amusement, hotels, and tourism. Some other very prominent citizens share that vision. I do not.

Much of my adult life has been spent working in the entertainment and tourism industries in California, Nevada and Florida. I believe that I know something about the tourism industry. People don't rent hotel rooms just because someone built a hotel. People must want to go to the destination.

Building even one hotel is a big investment. The investment must give a good return on investment or it will die financially. It is easier to gain market share in an existing vacation destination rather than create a new vacation destination. To help insure that investors get their desired return on investment, tourism industry jobs are usually low paying jobs. I don't believe that millions of tax dollars should be spent in the hope of creating low paying tourism jobs and good returns for some investors. That is why I don't believe that the vision of Gary or the Calumet Region as a tourist destination will work. It is just not realistic.

Think about it. Is it really reasonable to believe that enormous numbers of tourists will visit this area year round in order to support the massive investments that would need to be made to create a tourist destination? The destination must be a year round destination in order to support the construction, maintenance and labor costs that are involved. That is why the Walt Disney Company's two main amusement properties are in southern California and central Florida. Those

locations attract tourist dollars year round.

Somehow, Mayor Scott King and others believe that after the hotels are built, millions of men will say to their wives, "Hey, honey! Let's take the kids and your mother with us on a vacation to Gary, Indiana. I hear that it's the murder capital of the US" I don't believe that it is realistic to imagine such conversations driving tourists to this area.

I believe that there is a more realistic alternative vision for Gary and the Calumet region. It is a vision which utilizes what we have right now. It is a vision that can start to create good paying jobs quickly. It is a vision that can attract new businesses soon. Here is my alternative vision.

The Calumet region could become the center of the Midwest for earth friendly energy production and research. About a century ago, steel mills were located on the south end of Lake Michigan so that coal could come here by rail and iron ore could come here by ship for steel production. Some of the land and buildings that were used to make steel could now be used for energy production and research. Technology has improved to allow coal generated electricity to be free of many pollutants. Research can be conducted here to learn how to use industrial waste, water, sunlight and wind to generate electricity.

The steel mills would gain a new source of revenue with energy production. China and India cannot sell energy to the US as they can sell steel to U.S. companies. So this new source of revenue for the steel mills would be more stable year round. The building of plants for energy production would provide good paying jobs right away for many masons,

electricians, ironworkers, carpenters, laborers and others.

Energy could be sold to energy consumers in Indiana, Illinois and southwest Michigan. At the industrial properties along Lake Michigan, more energy could be produced with less interference with residential communities than from anywhere else in the Midwest. Experiments in wave or current generated hydro power could be done. Solar energy panels could be researched, built, and tested. The breezes along Lake Michigan could be used for wind turbine research and development. That research could benefit every community along the shores of the Great Lakes in both the U.S. and Canada.

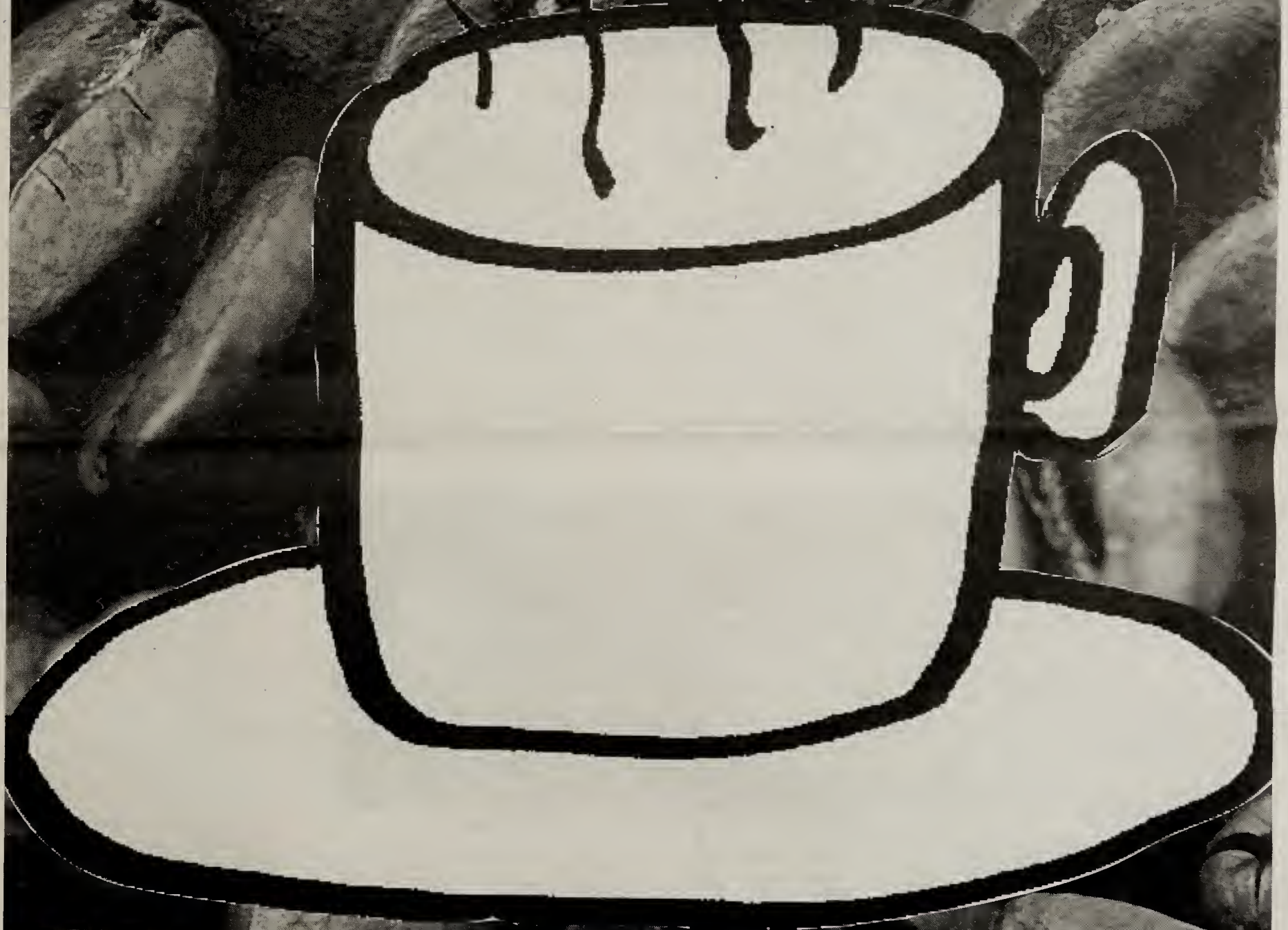
The prospect of research and development of the use of industrial waste energy, hydro energy, solar energy and wind energy would attract scientific firms and employees to the Calumet Region. Purdue University engineering students could get internships and jobs at such firms. Students from other local colleges and technical schools would benefit, also.

The value of the industrial properties and the surrounding research properties would increase so that the property tax burden on homeowners, renters, and small businesses could be reduced. Relatively low cost energy would interest many businesses in locating branches here.

Transforming the Calumet Region into an energy production and research center would be easier than creating a vacation destination. I believe that the long-term financial benefits from becoming an energy production and research center far outweigh the purported benefits of becoming a tourist attraction.

Woody Wilcox

Coffee: What's all the buzz about?



Serving up more than coffee

By Elizabeth Wilkinson
Entertainment Editor

Ever since the cast of "Friends" sipped coffee in the Central Perk and the grunge scene introduced America to Seattle and later to Starbucks coffee culture has become a growing American trend. For some college students, the coffee scene is even bigger than the bar scene- and it is certainly safer. Coffee shops have become the center of culture and art throughout the country, and there is much more than just a cup of joe to be found within their walls.

Local coffee houses are a great way to become connected to local art and music. All different types of art can be found within the average coffee house. In the region, most local bands get their start playing at one of the many local coffee houses, so a visit to a coffee house is a great way to discover new bands. Many also have the artwork of local artists displayed on their walls and some pieces are for sale. Some cafes also offer books to read while patrons are in the café. Many coffeehouses offer wireless internet so coffee drinkers can surf the web as they sip their drink of choice. The addition of internet access to coffee houses brings an increase of study groups especially among college age students.

As the average college student knows, black coffee is not the only way to go. Espresso, lattes, cappuccino and other coffee drinks are probably more popular than just straight coffee with cream or sugar. These come with chocolate, caramel, vanilla or other flavors and can cost a lot of money compared to a \$.80 cup of coffee from a local restaurant.

Coffee has become such a trend in the last 10 years that it has become "cool" simply to hold a paper cup with a cardboard sleeve around it. People who don't like coffee find ways to mask the taste by adding milk, flavoring and any number of ingredients in



photo courtesy starbucks.com

A cup of coffee is a great way for a college student to unwind or jumpstart a long day.

order to have something to drink as they sit and watch whatever performance is being offered at their favorite coffee house.

There are also restaurants that serve specialty coffees while not being a typical coffee house. One example is Panera Bread in Highland. Panera serves bread, soups, sandwiches and a huge selection of baked goods and bagels. However, they also have a great selection of coffees and the dining room definitely has a coffee house feel.

Even at PUC, coffee culture is huge. Calumet Falls, in the Student Union and Library building, has the definite feel of a coffee house. The musical performances add to the *ambiance of a coffee house located on*

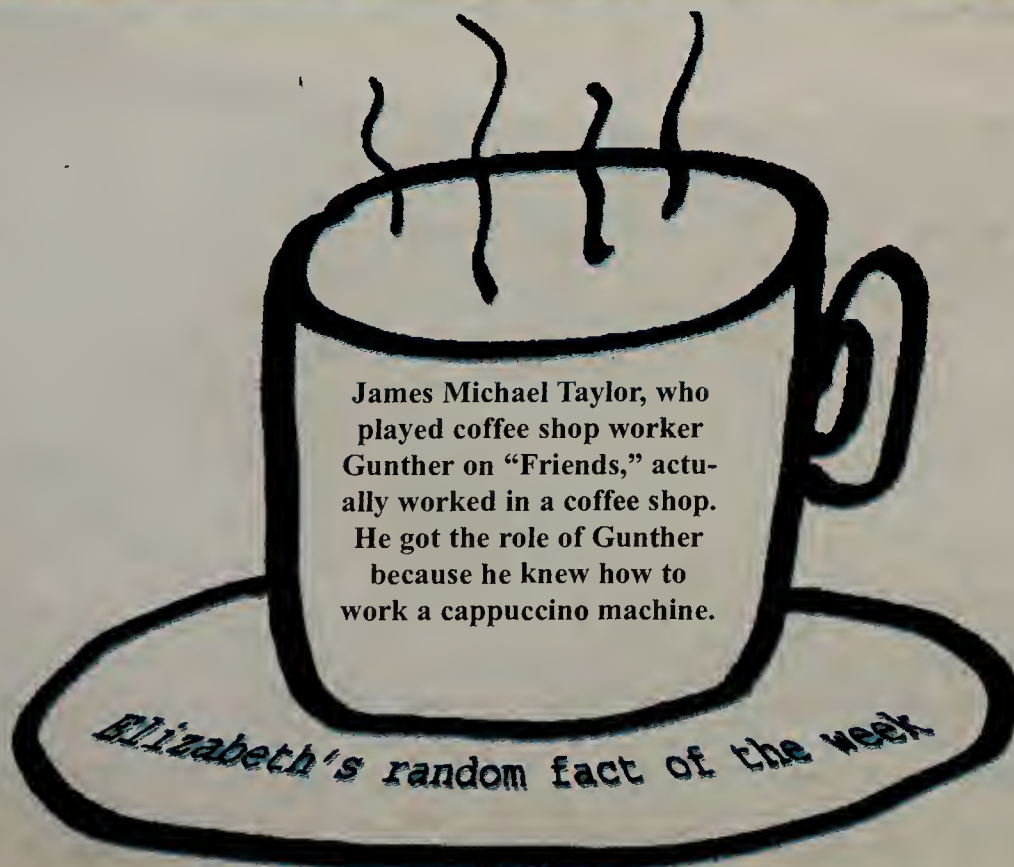
campus. Not to mention the added bonus of the jolt of caffeine a cup of coffee gives to the often overworked. There are coffee machines located in several areas of campus and both the CLO Grab-n-Go and the cafeteria offer not only black coffee, but also flavored coffees and several flavors of cappuccino.

Coffee culture has been going strong for the last 10 years and it does not seem to be slowing down any time soon. For the latest in art, culture or music visit one of the many local coffee shops. Each one offers something that makes them unique and it seems like a new shop pops up every week.

What are the different types of coffee?

- * **Espresso:** This rich, dark, concentrated coffee beverage is made by forcing hot water through finely ground coffee beans in an espresso machine.
- * **Cappuccino:** Made with a shot of espresso with an equal amount of hot milk and topped with froth.
- * **Latte:** Made with a shot of espresso, plenty of steamed milk and topped with froth.
- * **Mocha:** Made with a shot of espresso, steamed milk and chocolate.

Source: Panera Bread



James Michael Taylor, who played coffee shop worker Gunther on "Friends," actually worked in a coffee shop. He got the role of Gunther because he knew how to work a cappuccino machine.

Local Coffee Shops

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Each Chronicle staff member visited a local coffee shop and ordered their favorite cup of joe. Then we met back at the office to rate what the region has to offer.

Caramel Macchiato

French Vanilla Coffee

Caramel Latte

Fat free caramel latte

Fat free caramel latte

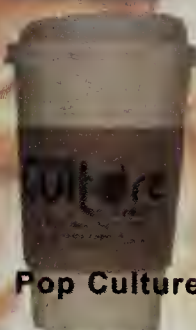
Coffee with milk & sugar



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The Wild Bean Cafe at BP



Elizabeth Wilkinson

The best of the bunch- a great mixture of caramel and coffee.

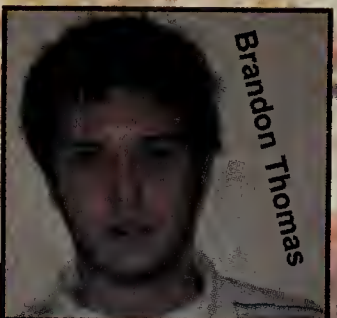
It came from a place that specializes in coffee yet is the worst of the bunch. It's horrible.

Not too strong but overall not too bad.

A lot more caramel then coffee but it tastes good.

I don't know exactly why but this one is gross.

Nothing special, but for the price it is worth it.



Brandon Thomas

Light, soft, the best.

Very strong and just unenjoyable. The worst of the bunch.

Too strong. It's called water. Try using some.

Caramel flavor kind of strong, but very smooth.

You can really taste the coffee beans.

Delightfully not too strong, not too weak.



David P. Funk

Very white color, less sweet then Panera. Good stuff.

Tastes like a better coffee bean but not quite sweet enough.

Too sweet and too thick. Tastes very little like coffee.

Thick and too sweet. Barely tastes like coffee. Least favorite.

My favorite, much better coffee taste and not too sweet.

Basic cup of gas station coffee, not great.



Linda Merrick

Good stuff. A good amount of caramel.

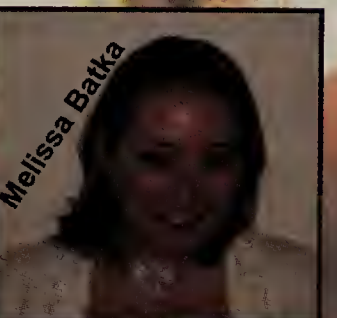
Not good at all. Strong coffee but weak vanilla flavor. Needs more sugar.

Needed more caramel, but still very good.

Good. Full of caramel.

Very good. Lots of caramel.

Very weak. I like flavors so it wasn't really good.



Melissa Batka

Smooth flavor that was not overpowering. Just right.

It tasted like water with a splash of coffee.

At \$3.75 I would have expected a little more flavor.

The very strong caramel flavor made me wonder if they were trying to compensate for the fact that it was fat free.

Good, for fat-free. But it kind of had a weird aftertaste.

Watery and not a lot of flavor, but pretty much what I expect from a gas station.



Isabel Rodriguez

A real smooth taste; plain and simple. Just the right flavor.

The strongest coffee with a slight splash of vanilla taste; a bit watered down.

This has a strong caramel flavor. It should only have a splash of caramel or a shot of it.

Goes down smooth but snatches the taste buds at the end.

Has just a hint of caramel taste to it. A strong coffee bean after taste.

It tastes like a light blend, not strong at all. Best of all six.

"Hoodwinked" sucks the life out of a fairytale

BY JADE LEE CULBERSON
Movie Critic

Imagine that there was more to the story of "Little Red Riding Hood" - that Red was helping her goody-baking grandmother keep recipes safe from a mysterious criminal known only as the Goody Bandit and that the Big Bad Wolf was also a journalist. If this sounds too silly to work, that's because it is.

Mix an animated version "Little Red Riding Hood" with "Law and Order," splash it with all the pop culture references for a post-"Shrek" generation and the end product is a mish-mash called "Hoodwinked."

As a police detective frog named Nicky Flippers (voiced by David Ogden Stiers) begins putting the story of the crime together, we get the story from the perspectives of each participant. A less innocent and more introspective Red (Anne Hathaway), feisty Granny Puckett (Glenn Close), crazy ax-wielding Woodsman (Jim Belushi) and master-of-disguises Wolf (Patrick Warburton) each explain to Flippers how they arrived at the forest house.

Flippers is not performing the investigation alone, of course, and is accompanied by stereotypical animal cops including intimidating Chief Grizzly (Xzibit) and a small group of (actual) pigs that keep eating the evidence.

As Flippers digs (or perhaps swims) deeper, he finds that a whole cast of characters are connected to the Goody Bandit situation and the incident at Granny Puckett's.

The stories include a small but overly enthusiastic bunny named Boingo (Andy Dick), a group of extreme sports playing villains headed by foreigner Dolph (Tye Edwards) and a speed-talking photographer squirrel called Twitchy (Cory Edwards) whose reaction to coffee is reminiscent of Roger's reaction to liquor in "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?"

If this isn't silly enough, there is also a singing mountain goat (Benjy Gaither) who has horns for every occasion and sings everything he says. Perhaps this would have been funny for a minute or two, but his excessively long musical number is just annoying.

Granny's secret life playing extreme sports could have been hilarious if handled differently, but winds up drawn out and too over-the-top. If that wasn't enough, the obvious "Star Wars" reference (which even those who haven't seen "Star Wars" will pick up on) is too blatant to be comical.

What is supposed to be hilarity ensues as the stories come together, but "Hoodwinked" really just keeps coming apart at the seams (very, very slowly). Perhaps the film's biggest flaw is that it leaves room for a sequel.

What "Shrek" brought with edgy comedy and lovable characters, "Hoodwinked" lacks. The few laughs aren't worth the cost of a movie ticket - or the 80 minutes of your life you'll never get back.

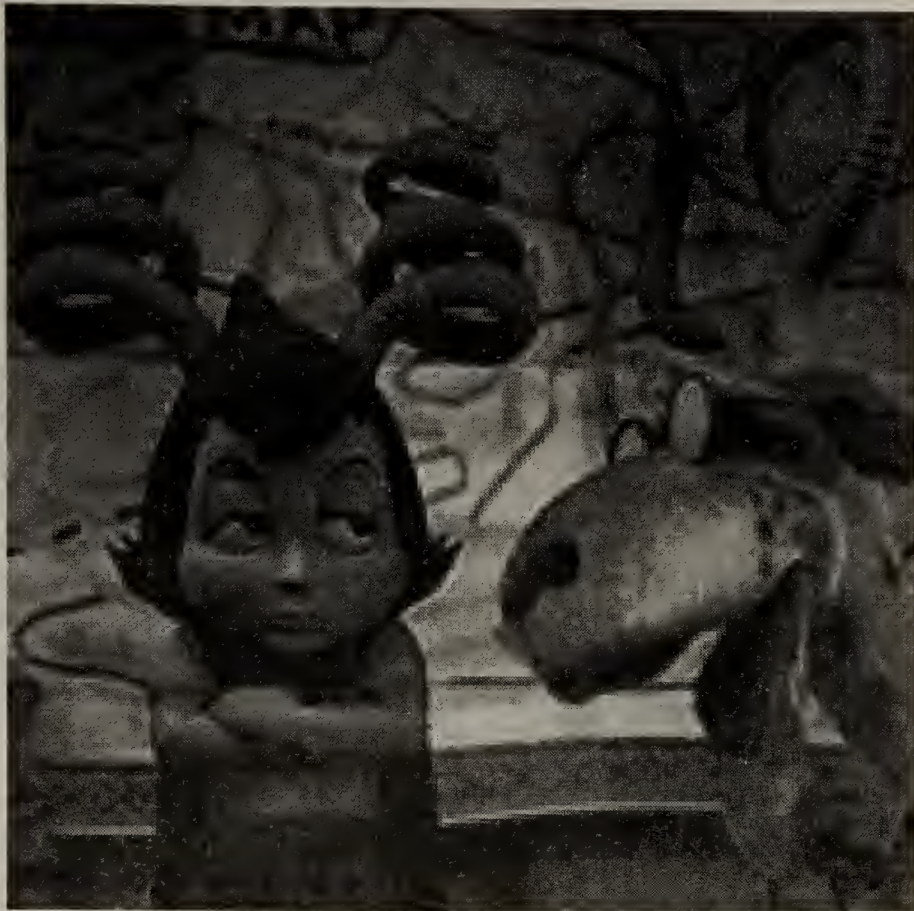


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Red is not the only one irritated by the singing goats, ever-changing antlers and constant singing in the movie, "Hoodwinked".

Spring into the new styles of 2006

BY ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
Chief Copy Editor

It's time to say goodbye to 2005's fall and winter trends and say hello to the hot fashions of 2006. This spring is reintroducing old trends and revising many of this past fall's metallic fabrics and colors. Retro and vintage pieces are finally taking a break, allowing for simple, fresh attire to rule closets everywhere.

Feminine and romantic looks are both popular styles for these upcoming months. Showing curves is a must this season. The use of corsets and large belts reflecting fem-

inine pieces in nude, rose and colors are hot this spring as well.

Start this new year with the latest trends: including the three c's; comfort, casual and classic.

Ladies, it is time to welcome overalls and jumpsuits back into the closets. One of this spring's hottest trends is reacquainting with the latest fashion in corduroys, denim and linen. Both come in several lengths-from full to above the knee.

This season's choice of coat is the classic trench. According to vogue.com, selecting a trench with a duster style is a great way to experiment this spring. Styles vary from functional military styles to traditional

khaki.

"College girl" style is something that will be popular this season. A preppy pleated khaki skirt along with a polo shirt emphasizes this spring's casual and classic rules.

Metallic has also found its way from this past fall to spring's most popular trend.

According to instore.com, using softer metallic shades of gold and silver rather than darker shades from the fall will "capture those first brilliant rays of spring sunshine" that spring has to offer.

Accessorizing with bug-eyed sunglasses in bold styles not only compliments the three c's but allows for creativity and individuality to be reflected. Accessories play a major role this season with detailed, oversized bags.

The three c's are not restricted to ladies but apply gentlemen as well. Simple nautical styles are available for men maintain the clean and preppy look. Men can express themselves as the preppy modern-day hero, equipped with plastic aviator sunglasses.

The ideal modern-day hero can be seen wearing crew sweaters, clean-cut sport coats, and remade vintage shirts.

According to men.style.com, crisp cotton and linen dress shirts are as big this season as it was for the fall. Contour lines in pastels are needed to complete the look. Vintage-

modern ties added to these shirts grab attention also.

Cropped jeans are big this season and are no longer just for the ladies. Cropped jeans can be dressed up with different washes, such as stone or vintage wash.

Shorts are offered in different fabrics, especially linen. Soft colors cut in clean style can easily be worn for those sunny days. These shorts are not only stylish and chic but comfortable and great to wear in a hurry without much effort.

Accessories can be found on the spring trend list. From carry-on bags to beach hats, accessories are essential to live up to the part.

Ties worn to accessorize or dress up an outfit is recommended for the new spring fashions. Light colors such as blue or green can revive a plain linen dress shirt.

Chic shoes, especially suede slippers, can be great accessories to finish off an outfit. Men have the option also to wear designer flip-flops, made with various materials such as suede or metallic in a soft gold that stands out with a great vintage shirt.

Follow these hot trends this upcoming spring and dress to impress with the latest fashion trends.

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James Rogers, supervisor of student technology support services



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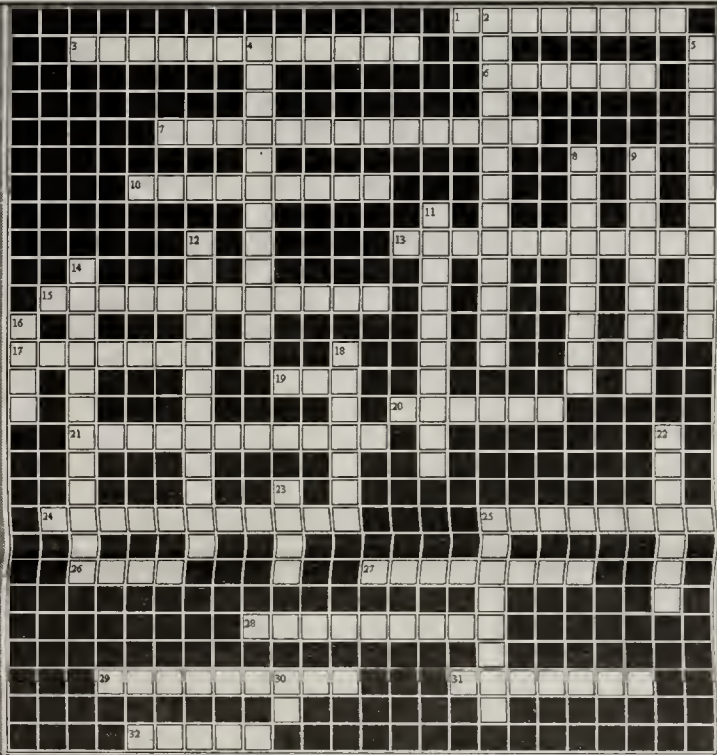
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3. "Sledgehammer"
6. "Turning Japanese"
7. "I melt with you"
10. "Down under"
13. "Karma chameleon"
15. "Lost in your eyes"
17. "Livin' on a prayer"
19. "Take on Me"
20. "When doves cry"
21. "Dead man's party"
24. "Don't you forget about me"
25. "Eye of the tiger"
26. "Smooth operator"
27. "Jump"
28. "Rock this town"
29. "Everybody have fun tonight"
31. "I think we're alone now"
32. "Legs"

Down

2. "Veronica"
4. "Der Kommisar"
5. "West End Girls"
8. "Cum on feel the noise"
9. "White wedding"
11. "Hungry like the wolf"
12. "I just called to say I love you"
14. "I'm alright"
16. "Red red wine"
18. "Manic Monday"
22. "Borderline"
23. "I need you tonight"
25. "We built this city"
30. "Where the streets have no name"

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Steve Smith: The greatest ever

DAVID ASHCRAFT
Sports Columnist

David Ashcraft will be writing a weekly sports column in *The Chronicle* throughout the spring semester.

Steve Smith is the greatest football player to ever play the game. In fact, he is probably the greatest athlete to ever grace the face of the earth. He is a man among boys and a god among men.

On January 15 the Bears had the impossible task of trying to defend the unstoppable force that is Steve Smith. The Bears showed great courage just by stepping onto the same field as this great warrior of the NFL. On that fateful day in January, Soldier Field became Steve Smith Field; a true monster of the midway.

It is not just Smith's intimidating physical presence (5-feet-8-inches, 180lbs) but also his ability to control the forces of nature with his mind.

Panther quarterback Jake Delhomme confirmed our suspicions as he told the AP "He (Steve) can fly."

I knew it.

Even Lovie Smith was not immune to Smith's Jedi-like mind control powers.

"I am going to play single coverage the whole game," said Lovie Smith. "I am going to play single coverage the whole game."

"I am going to play single coverage the whole game."

It's okay coach, it's not your fault. You are the best coach in the league and you have the trophy to prove it.

"I'm just utilizing my talents," said Steve about his amazing abilities.

Sure, what he calls "talents" others would call superhuman powers. How else could

you explain the Bears defensive players falling right on their faces just by merely being in his presence? It is a good thing for Bears cornerbacks Tillman and Thompson that they never actually touched him. Those actions may have had tragic consequences.

Despite all of his greatness, #89 still has his detractors. A source from the Four Seasons allegedly heard Kanye West mumbling between sips of his snifter of Hennessy, "Steve Smith don't like black people."

Legend has it that unlike President Bush, Steve Smith can stop hurricanes with his bare hands.

The only way the NFL could possibly level the playing field is to expand the league by adding one team. That team should consist of Steve Smith and only Steve Smith.

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Antonio Davis and the NBA

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

The United Center was cluttered with surprised faces as Antonio Davis entered the stands during the Bulls/Knicks basketball game last week. Davis stepped into the audience because of an altercation which occurred between his wife and a Chicago fan. Lost within the hearsay of witnesses involved in the incident is the true happenings between Davis' wife Kendra and the fan (Michael Axelrod).

The issue of this event is not found within the truth of the altercation, but rather within the consequences of Davis' reaction. Everyone remembers last season's incident with Ron Artest and the Detroit Pistons' audience which led to a dangerous brawl that consequently affected the safety which players feel on the sidelines, and fans feel in the stands. A lot of pressure has been placed upon the shoulders of the NBA Commission. They are trying to cease further incidents by displaying their attitude towards player/fan disputes.

The *Chicago Sun Times*' John Jackson said to nba.com: "As a general rule, I'm opposed to zero-tolerance policies and believe they mostly result in zero thought being given to complex issues."

The topic, though, is not what the NBA feels to be the issue, but rather the fact that a player entering the seats could pose as a hazardous situation in any instance.

Therefore, Davis was ejected from the game and received a five game suspension. The NBA strived to uphold the standards of their zero-tolerance policy.

But, the events that took place with Antonio Davis involved no physical con-



AP photo

Michael Axelrod will be suing Antonio Davis and his wife after the altercation in the United Center stands.

tact or threats with any of the fans.

The NBA Commission has once again been put under the familiar spotlight of conflict. Furthermore they have implicated that no player should enter the stands for any reason.

Although Davis did not run into the stands and engage in a fist fight, the repercussions entailed with entering the stands is a matter that deserves all of the seriousness the NBA has put forth.

"We have made it plain to our players and our fans that players may not enter the spectator stands," said Stu Jackson, NBA Senior Vice President Basketball Operations said to nba.com. "No matter the provocation, and that violations of this policy will be treated with the utmost seriousness."

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points. But, his efforts were to no avail as the Peregrines silenced the rest of the IUSB squad. The second leading scorer for the Titans scored 10 fewer points than Van Dyke.

This victory puts the Peregrines above 500 for the first time since the beginning of the season.

"I think that we gelled together and finally worked as a team," said Thomas Mosley, who snatched 6 rebounds.

The epitome of the Peregrines' thrilling

defeat of the Titans resulted in another conference victory. PUC will go into next week's game against Robert Morris College (the first place team in the conference) undefeated in the CACC.

"I feel good about our chances," said Mosley about playing first place Robert Morris. "I think our coach has been doing a great job in preparing us for the games. He has a good game."

"I'm pretty confident that we can win."

Lady Peregrines

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we played well together and I think that now we need to perform better as a team."

PUC had a lot of trouble offensively. They were unable to hit many shots, as they put up a short-sided 32 percent from the field.

The Peregrines defense also lacked its traditional sparkle. The ladies were unable to hold their positions in their man-to-man defense. Many of the shots scored by the Titans were thrown up without any interference from a Peregrine defender.

The girls caused 28 turnovers (one more

than the Titans) they did not cash many of them in for points.

And as the Titans mascot heckled the girls on the court, the Lady Peregrine's fell behind, at one point by 23 points.

A bright spot in the match was the girls performance from the charity line. They were able to sink 85 percent of their free throws.

The girls will play two games next week; and they hope that their team can put together a better performance while they remain on the road.

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X-Games a movement, not just sport

CALVIN DAVIS
Staff Writer

The sports world, for the majority of the past half century or so, has been dominated by four major sports: baseball, basketball, football and hockey. However, since 1993 (and probably before then) the X-Games have been the premier sports movement of our time.

When most people think of the word "alternative," they think of the music genre that has spawned artists like Nirvana. The dictionary defines alternative as unconventional or another choice. Similar to Kurt Cobain choosing to break away from the more conventional styles of music of his day, the creation of Extreme Games (its original title) represents a change in sports the youth yearned for. So in that respect, the X-Games can be viewed as the sports version of alternative music.

The X-Games movement initially touched the public in 1993 when ESPN, which obviously had its managerial ear to the streets so to speak, put forth an effort to gather action sports athletes and develop some type of event. The first ever Extreme Games were held in 1995 and included events such as skateboarding, in-line skating and sky surfing. The following year, the games had expanded to a winter version that included activities such as snowboarding, ice climbing and snow mountain back racing.

By 1997 ABC, the self proclaimed world wide leader in sports, televised the winter X-Games to 198 countries in 21 different languages. That same year, the summer games attracted over 221,000 spectators during a 10 day period. The games have been the sight of some pretty historic events as well. In 1999 X-Games legend Tony Hawk performed the first ever '900'. '900' represents the degree of the turn performed in the air. 360 is one complete turn, 720 is two complete turns.

The success of the games has extended



The X-Games have become more than just a series of sporting events, developing their own subculture and rivaling the Olympics in popularity.

beyond television as well. After the television success, Tony Hawk along with the help of Activision created a video game that captured all the breath-taking moves of Hawk and other prominent stars of the sport.

Like all successful sports, the X-Games have managed to continuously evolve and add new aspects to their events. In 2001 they added a Moto X portion to the winter games

that has been very well received. There is even also award shoe geared specifically to the sport, the Action Sports and Music Awards. Even U.S. Olympians participate in the games. In 2002 the entire U.S. Olympic Snowboard Freestyle team competed in the Winter X-Games just weeks before the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Matt Dudzik, PUC intramural sports

director recognizes the void the X-Games fill.

"They are different than anything the sporting world has ever had before," said Dudzik. "This generation changed music, fashion and now with the X-Games, sports."

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Lady Peregrines suffer tough loss in South Bend



Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Forward Stephanie Peacock lets a shot go in the Lady Peregrines 66-47 loss at IU South Bend.

BY BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

The latter of the Basketball double-header in South Bend could be surmised by the Women's poor performance against the Lady Titans.

Nikki Borys led PUC with 18 points, but her teammates didn't ascribe to the same contribution as the Lady Peregrines were defeated 66-47. PUC took an early lead in the first period until a three-point shot with seconds remaining in the half tied the affair. The Lady Peregrines could not answer in the second half as they fell behind and did not come back.

"We could have been in this game if we would've hit a few more shots," head coach Dennis Smith said to an assistant coach on the sidelines as the game came to a close.

The offense was rushed and unorganized and they failed to move the ball efficiently.

"We haven't been performing like we did in the beginning of the season", said center Tekenya Harper. "Against Cardinal Stritch

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Peregrines chalk up another conference win over IU South Bend



Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Team captain Thomas Mosely puts up a free throw, one of his nine points in the Peregrines fourth consecutive conference victory over IU South Bend.

BY BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

The Men's and Women's Basketball teams were featured in a double-header on Saturday against I.U. South Bend's Titans. In the first contest, the PUC men took the Titans by storm.

In an 82-63 victory the Peregrines spited the vocal IUSB mascot, as he was silenced on the sidelines by the Peregrine's impressive performance.

Kevin Thomas stepped up with 15 points and 14 boards. And he soared over the Titan defenders crushing a slam dunk which added an exclamation point to the Peregrine's

offensive onslaught.

Steve Polak had a career day scoring day adding 20 points and causing 3 turnovers on defense. And Minuyard Wheeler once again ended the game as the PUC point leader with 22 points. Wheeler also chipped in 8 rebounds. Accordingly, the Peregrines claimed full ownership of the boards with 34 total rebounds opposed to the Titans 23.

PUC put on quite a show on offense and their defense followed suit and proved to be just as stellar.

Titan center Justin Van Dyke scored 27

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